

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A humidity indicator, comprising at least one humidity-determining face (M1 to M4) which is provided on a surface of a humidity-determining plate [(P)] comprising cobalt chloride [(Co)] held in a base paper sheet [(B)], so that the cobalt chloride [(Co)] is exposed to the humidity-determining face, whereby humidity is determined by the discoloration of the cobalt chloride [(Co)] on the humidity-determining face (M1 to M4), characterized in that

said humidity indicator further includes a first film [(F1)] covering the surface of said humidity-determining plate [(P)], and a second film [(F2)] covering the back of said humidity-determining plate [(P)];

a flat air layer [(Au)] is formed at least between the first film [(F1)] and the surface of the humidity-determining plate [(P)], so that the entire surface of said humidity-determining face (M1 to M4) faces to said air layer; (Au); and

a plurality of small holes [(H)] are formed at distances from one another in said first film [(F1)] to permit the direct communication of said air layer [(Au)] with the atmosphere[.];

said first and second films are formed to protrude from an outer peripheral edge of said humidity-determining plate and bonded at outer peripheral edge portions thereof directly to each other; and

said first and second films are bonded in a compression manner to a portion of said humidity-determining plate surrounding a region corresponding to said air layer.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) The humidity indicator according to claim 1 [[or 2]],
wherein

a plurality of said humidity-determining faces ~~(M1 to M4)~~ are arranged at distances on the surface of said humidity-determining plate [[(P)]] in correspondence to a plurality of different humidity levels, respectively; and

said air layer [[(Au)]] is formed commonly to a plurality of said humidity-determining faces ~~(M1 to M4)~~.

4. (Currently Amended) The humidity indicator according to claim 1 or [[2]] 3,
wherein

said base paper sheet [[(B)]] is a filter paper having a hygroscopicity;
a flat second air layer [[(Ad)]] is formed between said second film [[(F2)]] and the back of said humidity-determining plate [[(P)]], so that at least a region or regions of said back corresponding to said humidity-determining face or faces ~~(M1 to M4)~~ face to the second air layer [[(Ad)]]; and

a plurality of small holes [[(H')]] are formed at distances from one another in said second film [[(F2)]] to permit the direct communication of said second air layer [[(Ad)]] with the atmosphere.

5. (Currently Amended) The humidity indicator according to claim 1 or [[2]] 3,
wherein that each of said films ~~(F1, F2)~~ has been subjected to an antistatic treatment.

6. (Currently Amended) A humidity indicator, comprising at least one humidity-determining face (~~M1 to M4~~) which is provided on a surface of a humidity-determining plate $[(P)]$ which is made of a paper and formed into a card-shape, whereby humidity is determined by the discoloration of the humidity-determining face (~~M1 to M4~~), characterized in that

said humidity indicator further includes a first film $[(F1)]$ covering the surface of said humidity-determining plate $[(P)]$ and forming the surface of said humidity indicator, and a second film $[(F2)]$ covering the back of said humidity-determining plate $[(P)]$ and forming the back of said humidity indicator;

a flat air layer $[(Au)]$ is formed at least between the first film $[(F1)]$ and the surface of the humidity-determining plate $[(P)]$, so that the entire surface of said humidity-determining face (~~M1 to M4~~) faces to said air layer $[(Au)]$;

a plurality of small holes $[(H)]$ are formed at distances from one another in said first film $[(F1)]$ to permit the direct communication of said air layer $[(Au)]$ with the atmosphere;

said first and second films (~~F1, F2~~) are formed to protrude from an outer peripheral edge of said humidity-determining plate $[(P)]$ and bonded $[(m)]$ at outer peripheral edge portions (~~F1a and F2a~~) thereof directly to each other; and

said first and second films (~~F1, F2~~) are bonded in a compression manner to a portion of said humidity-determining plate $[(P)]$ surrounding a region corresponding to said air layer $[(Au)]$.

7. (Currently Amended) The humidity indicator according to claim 6, wherein
a plurality of said humidity-determining faces (~~M1 to M4~~) are arranged at
distances on the surface of said humidity-determining plate [(P)] in correspondence to
a plurality of different humidity levels, respectively; and
said air layer [(Au)] is formed commonly to a plurality of said
humidity-determining faces (~~M1 to M4~~).

8. (Currently Amended) The humidity indicator according to claim 6 or 7,
wherein said base paper sheet [(B)] is a filter paper having a hygroscopicity;
a flat second air layer [(Ad)] is formed between said second film [(F2)] and the
back of said humidity-determining plate [(P)], so that at least a region or regions of said
back corresponding to said humidity-determining face or faces (~~M1 to M4~~) face to the
second air layer [(Ad)]; and
a plurality of small holes [(H')] are formed at distances from one another in said
second film [(F2)] to permit the direct communication of said second air layer [(Ad)]
with the atmosphere.

9. (Currently Amended) [[he]] The humidity indicator according to claim 6 or 7,
wherein that each of said films (~~F1, F2~~) has been subjected to an antistatic treatment.

10. (New) The humidity indicator of claim 1, wherein said humidity indicator is
transported with an electronic part in a packaged state.

11. (New) The humidity indicator of claim 6, wherein said humidity indicator is transported with an electronic part in a packaged state.